

DHEC NOTICE

PUBLIC COMMENT

NPDES Phase II Small MS4 NPDES Storm Water Permit Authorizations

NOTICE NUMBER: 15-813-R

NOTICE DATE: AUGUST 31, 2015

PROPOSAL: New NPDES Phase II Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (Small MS4) permit authorizations for Beaufort County (SCR031301), Town of Bluffton (SCR031302) and Town of Hilton Head Island (SCR031303) storm water discharges

PERMIT Beaufort County (ATTN: Gary Kubic), 100 Ribaut Road, Beaufort, SC, 29902

APPLICANTS: Town of Bluffton (ATTN: Marc Orlando), 20 Bridge Street, Bluffton, SC, 29910

Town of Hilton Head Island (ATTN: Stephen G. Riley), 1 Town Center Court, Hilton Head Island, SC 29928

DESCRIPTION: The Small MS4 area designated for permitting is the area comprised of the geo-politico-jurisdictional boundaries of Beaufort County, SC located in the Hilton Head Island Urbanized Area as defined by the 2010 U.S. Census, the geo-politico-jurisdictional boundaries of the Town of Bluffton, SC, and the geo-politico-jurisdictional boundaries of Beaufort County. MS4 are defined as a conveyance or system of conveyances (including roads with drainage systems, basins, curbs, gutters, ditches, man-made channels, or storm drains) owned or operated by a State, city, town, borough, public body. Beaufort County, Bluffton and Hilton Head Island are first time applicant small MS4 based on their inclusion in the Hilton Head Island Urbanized Area (as defined by the 2010 US Census). The number of major and minor outfalls discharging from these small MS4 will be determined by October 31, 2017. The draft certificate of coverage, the permit implementation schedule and the fact sheet can be seen on the DHEC site:

<http://www.scdhec.gov/PublicNotices/>

PUBLIC COMMENT PURPOSE: On Monday, August 31, 2015, SCDHEC issued Public Notice #15-813-R with a 30-day comment period ending on September 30, 2015. Permittees are required to develop and implement a robust Storm Water Management Plan (SWMP) including components such as: Public Education and Outreach on Stormwater Impacts, Public Involvement / Participation, Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination, Construction Site Stormwater Runoff Control, Post-Construction Stormwater Runoff Control and Pollution Prevention/ Good Housekeeping for Municipal Operations. For storm water discharges to water bodies subject to total maximum daily loads (TMDL), monitoring must demonstrate compliance with waste load allocations (WLA). For waters that are not subject to a WLA, the goal is to ensure that storm water discharges do not cause or contribute to excursions of water quality standards. The Department is seeking comments on this preliminary finding. In accordance with the Section D.(2), Antidegradation, of the State Water Quality Standards, this notice provides public participation and intergovernmental coordination for this decision.

PUBLIC COMMENT DETAILS:

- Written comments **must be received no later than COB on Wednesday September 30, 2015.**

HOW TO COMMENT? Written comments must be sent to the attention of: Arturo R. Ovalles, SC DHEC; Stormwater Construction and Agricultural Permitting Division, 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29201, Telephone: 803/898-4178, Facsimile: 803/898-7344. The certificate of coverage number, SCR031301, SCR031302 or SCR031303, as appropriate, or the notice number, 15-813-R, should be placed at the top of the first page of comments.

MORE INFO? DHEC's project file is available for review free of charge. Copies can be made for a \$0.25 fee per page by contacting our Freedom of Information Office (2600 Bull Street, Columbia, SC 29201, 803-898-3882 / Fax: 803-898-3816).

MISCELLANEOUS: DHEC is not involved in zoning, land use, or property value issues (please contact your local County or Municipal officials for questions or concerns on these issues). All people commenting will receive a response to comments when DHEC makes a permit decision. Additional information regarding adjudicatory hearings is available from the Legal Office at the above Department address or by calling 803/898-3350.

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